

this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 39 and 42.

Please replace pending claims 35, 43 and 44 with the following claims 35, 43 and 44:

35. (Twice amended) Complexes of nucleic acid and random-branched polyethyleneimine (PEI), characterized in that the PEI is modified with a hydrophilic polymer covalently coupled thereto,

wherein said PEI has a molecular weight of about 700 D to about 2,000,000 D, and wherein said hydrophilic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols (PEG), polyvinylpyrrolidones, polyacrylamides, polyvinylalcohols, and copolymers thereof.

43. (Amended) Complexes according to claim 35, characterised in that the hydrophilic polymer is PEG.

44. (Amended) Complexes according to claim 35, characterised in that the
molecular weight of the hydrophilic polymer is about 500 D to about 20,000 D.